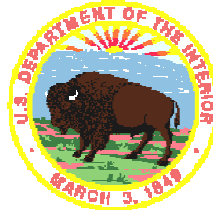




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### **Vale District Bureau of Land Management to Host Meeting about Fire-Related Contracting and Future Fire Jobs**

Vale, OR - Vale District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be hosting an informational meeting for fire-related contracting and firefighting positions to be filled Spring 2001, at Treasure Valley Community College's, Weese Building, room 10, in Ontario Oregon, January 3, 2001, from 7:00-9:00 P.M. (MST). Human resources, contracting and fire management experts will be on hand to answer questions and provide information concerning contracting opportunities and firefighting positions.

"Anyone who is interested in potential contracts or upcoming job opportunities should attend," said Mike Morcom, Assistant Fire Management Officer for the Vale District. "Last summer we had a lot of offers from people who wanted to help in the firefighting effort, we hope some of those people will be there."

Contracting opportunities could include rebuilding fences which burned in last years fires, supplying wildland fire engines, and possibly contracting other firefighting crews. "There will be more and different contract opportunities this year, said Contract Specialist Jos Gabiola. "Potential Contractors need to prepare for next season now."

Cathy Dubois, Management Support Specialist for the Vale District added, "We have a lot of positions to fill, it's rare that we advertise this many. 36 of the jobs are permanent positions that require some fire experience. Others are temporary, perfect for college students looking for summer employment." Dubois continued, "Applicants need to read each announcement very carefully and follow the instructions. Each position may require different qualifications."

Approximately 36-75 permanent and temporary positions will be filled by the Vale District. The positions include various types of firefighting crews, such as, hotshot crews, engine crews, and helitack crews. Only US citizens who are 18 years of age or older can apply. Vacancy announcements are available on the internet at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) or by calling the Ontario employment office at (541) 889-5394.

The increase in fire positions is a direct result of the 2000 fire season and subsequent legislation signed by President Clinton. The Departments of Agriculture and Interior have completed a National Fire Plan that outlines actions the agencies will take in response to the legislation and increased wildland fire threats across the nation.

For more information contact Vale District BLM at (541) 473-6265 or 6220, or visit its website at [www.or.blm.gov/vale](http://www.or.blm.gov/vale).

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